



MEDIA ADVISORY

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BLACK PEARLS OPENING RECEPTION TO FEATURE EXHIBITS, ARTISTS, LIVE JAZZ

Indy Parks Celebrating Regional and National Artists of African Descent

INDIANAPOLIS –Celebrate Black History Month with Indy Parks at the Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC)'s Sixth Annual Black Pearls Exhibition opening reception. Meet the artists while enjoying the accompaniment of live jazz as the Steven Weakley Jazz Trio performs as you peruse the Art Center's beautiful Main Gallery. The free reception kicking off the exhibition is 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011. The exhibition continues through Sunday, March 27.

Featuring original works from up-and-coming as well as established local, regional and national artists of African descent, this engaging exhibition offers a glimpse at how these artists push the visual arts into exciting territories. The exhibition, coordinated by local artist LaShawnda Crowe Storm, includes textiles, video installments, paintings, drawings, dolls and sculptures.

Guests at the opening reception are invited to take part in a hands-on family art activity in the Arts for All Studio. Celebrate the creativity of the Black Pearls exhibition and the richness of African-American culture by designing a "Freedom Quilt" and learn about the history of how the quilts were used. This free activity also is available from Feb. 5 through March 27 on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Black Pearls Exhibition will be on display during regular GPAC hours from Feb. 5 through March 27: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. There is no cost for admission to the Garfield Park Arts Center, Black Pearls Exhibition and opening reception. For more information on this and other Garfield Park events, please call (317) 327-7135, go to www.indyparks.org or visit the GPAC page on Facebook.



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6th Annual

● Black Pearls

Exhibition

Feb. 12 -
Mar. 27,
2011

Celebrating
Black History Month

Opening Reception

Feb. 12, 2011 5-7pm

Live Jazz Ensemble

Arts for All: Quilt Code Patterns!



Presented by

The Garfield Park Arts Center

The Garfield Park Arts Center

Presents

the 6th Annual *Black Pearls* exhibit

to celebrate Black History Month

On February 12th, 2011 from 5-7pm
the doors will open to the public for a reception
supporting this unique exhibit. Featuring works from
up-and-coming as well as established local, regional and
national artists of African descent, this engaging
exhibition offers a glimpse at how these artists push the
visual arts into exciting territories. From textiles to
traditional painting techniques, this exhibition will make
you stop and consider what is "Black Art."

Opening night events include:

Live jazz by Steven Weakley Trio

A hands-on arts activity in the visual arts studios

This exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The Black Pearls exhibit will remain on view through
March 27th, 2011 during regular GPAC open hours.

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